



Coalition for Elliot Park Vision and Values

Vision

The Coalition for Elliot Park is a group of organizations, businesses, and residents surrounding Elliot Park and acting as **bridge builders** to create **connection, community, and safety** in the Elliot Park Neighborhood.

Values

As coalition members, we show up with:

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Buy-in
- Curiosity

As coalition members, we interact with one another with:

- Dignity
- Respect
- Belonging
- Neighborliness
- Connection

As coalition members, we interact with those outside of the coalition prioritizing:

- Transparency
- Communication
- Authenticity



Coalition for Elliot Park Meeting
Tuesday January 9th, 2024 @ 2-3:30pm

Attendance:

Michael Jones, Emma Pachuta, Abdirahman Mukhtar	MPRB
Calvin Noble	MPRB-PD
Hudson Peters, Matt Grillo	Bethlehem College
Keith Kozerski, Kevin Davy, Jessica Meyerson	Catholic Charities
Mike Ramos, Tom Hayes	Hennepin Healthcare
Tamika Haskin, Paul McCabe	Aeon
Jessica Focht-Perlberg, Wako	EPNI
Carla Nielson	MPD
Canaan Crawford	NCU- Elliot Park United
Maryam Gaafaa	East Village Apts
Susan Jagodzinski	Resident

Notes:

- Name change of the Coalition reflects the encompassed nature of Park and community
- Last mtg: experiences and expectations, This mtg: vision and values, Next mtg: goals
- This meeting is participated in by partners across organizations, thus there are varying values for each, today's mission is to culminate for Coalition's viewpoints/value-setting

Values Exercise: Pair up and discuss values at organizations, as individuals, and which should be shared amongst the Coalition, write on stickies, and add to posters

- Integrity (doing the right thing when nobody's watching), safety, engagement, authenticity, honesty, professionalism, truth, collaboration
- Inclusivity, safety
- Bridge-building (across communities + orgs), warmth, understanding, transparency, honesty, active listening + expression
- Dignity, respect, welcome/belonging
- Buy-in (accountability), support, drive, truth, communication, safety, solution-driven

- Safety (cleanliness + accessibility), relationship
 - Compassion, relationship-building, follow-through, commitment, delegation
 - Neighborliness, accountability, agency, accessibility
 - Authenticity, honesty, realism/SMART goals (in expectations)
- ◇ Coalition is not intending to consume responsibility for safety and crises everywhere, but attempting to delegate leadership appropriately to think through possible solutions
 - ◇ List of values will be referrable for future meetings, these become our shared values for the future of Elliot Park

Outcomes Exercise:

- Pair up and discuss vision for potential changes/impacts to be made based on listed characteristics below

Short-Term	Medium-Term	Long-Term
Awareness	Actions	<i>Conditions (all below)</i>
Skills	Behaviors	Social
Attitudes	Practice	Political
Motivations	Decision-making	Economic
Aspirations	Policies	Environmental
Knowledge		Status

- **Short-Term:** Organization, collaboration, advocacy for resources, awareness of neighborhood makeup, positive reputation, increased participation, building relationships within community, residential involvement + advocacy, understanding response resources, increased community connection/conversation, increased geographic awareness, sharing knowledge
- **Medium-Term:** Collaborate on creating a welcoming environment, implementing safety + park improvements, reduce crime (resulting from Coalition’s work), build trust across neighbors + park-users, houselessness trending down and park usage up, feeling safe in park, increased resources for public safety (quicker response times)
- **Long-Term:** Creating thriving/multicultural/family-oriented environment, improve clinical dependency use, economic development, growth (without displacement), find new ways to collectively utilize resources, build/maintain programs + expand/improve, create accessibility for seniors, kids, pets, etc., have a space supporting generational health, creating resiliency, inclusion, and collective effort
- **Goals (will be held until next meeting):** a Plan to manage park in Spring-Summer, tree-planting, identify SMART goals, walking clubs, volunteer opportunities, events +

programming, educational classes, create safe space for outreach, skill development for community members

Next Steps:

- What change do we want to see happen? And what values lead those? We will make concise from exercises
- Next meeting, we will discuss goals for program and where to start, utilizing values as guiding vision
- We will meet 2x/month until April, 1x/month after that (Evaluating the need to meet as full group, could be sectors occasionally)
- Expectation is that individual/organization work is complementary to meetings, each meeting going forward will also have a check-in, next meeting will create actionable items (if not already in process)
- Notes are being sent to Coalition members and MPRB, MPD, CM Osman, etc. (visibility on work)
- Invites will be sent for future meetings (Jan 30 and so forth)